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Dear Mr. Hamavasu:

Subject: Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project. The Department of Transportation, Airports Division (DOT-Airports) believes that it is important that the airport and the rail project be integrated as a transportation system to the extent that is practical and reasonable. These facilities could become an integral part of the transportation system for many people, especially for travelers departing and arriving at Honolulu International Airport (HNL) and employees working in the airport industrial area.

After reviewing your proposed alignments in the airport area, we prefer the alignment with the transit guideway passing through HNL along Aolele Street with one station near the airport overseas parking garage and the other at the intersection of Aolele Street and Lagoon Drive. Our second alternative is the alignment that runs makai of Nimitz Highway.

In the Kapolei area, we prefer the alignment that runs closest to or into the Kalaeloa Airport (OKA). Therefore, we would like to work with you to determine the preferable alignment and station locations to meet our current and future requirements at Honolulu International and Kalaeloa Airports. We are currently preparing a master plan and redevelopment plan for HNL and would like to integrate the alignment of the High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project into our planning and future development.

In addition, please be aware of height restrictions, especially at the area near Lagoon Drive which is the runway approach area for Runway 4R and 4L.

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steve Takashima, Planner, at 838-8810.

Sincerely,

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